

Partners in Conservation



When state environmental agencies and local conservation districts work hand-in-hand with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the result is a strong Conservation Partnership for all of Massachusetts.



Conservation Districts

A conservation district is a subdivision of state government, established under state law to carry out programs for the conservation and wise management of soil, water and related resources.

There are 14 conservation districts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each district is governed by a board of supervisors—locally elected citizens who volunteer their time and leadership to the conservation effort.

Conservation district supervisors work directly with NRCS to deliver technical assistance to the people of Massachusetts. Each local conservation district is a voice for the community, providing leadership on conservation issues and establishing priorities for conservation activities and programs.

The NRCS role is to provide technical assistance. When all 14 districts collaborate as a statewide organization, they operate as the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Districts (MACD).

The State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources



As part of the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources serves as a resource for local conservation districts. Through its representatives of state environmental agencies including Conservation and Recreation, Agricultural Resources, Fish & Game and Environmental Protection, conservation districts have direct access to state resources for targeted delivery at the local level.

The State Commission also provides the mechanisms for regional projects. The Massachusetts Envirothon is an example of pulling together state and local environmental education resources and producing a highly successful environmental education program for high school students from around the state.

Working closely with the USDA-NRCS the state commission provides excellent opportunities to coordinate and focus state and federal programs for conservation work in Massachusetts.

USDA-NRCS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal agency that shows farmers, landowners and concerned citizens how to improve and protect their natural resources. Americans have been consulting NRCS for decades; seeking expert advice on issues like erosion, water quality and soil productivity.

NRCS is not a regulatory agency. Rather, its mission is to introduce people to simple conservation practices and federal conservation programs that can improve water quality and maintain healthy and productive lands. Landowners and NRCS specialists work together on a voluntary basis. They evaluate the condition of the natural resources and develop a conservation plan that leads to wise stewardship.

NRCS provides assistance directly to citizens and communities who request it. The agency is teeming with conservation specialists—biologists, planners, engineers, soil scientists, technicians and geologists—primed to address your natural resource concerns.

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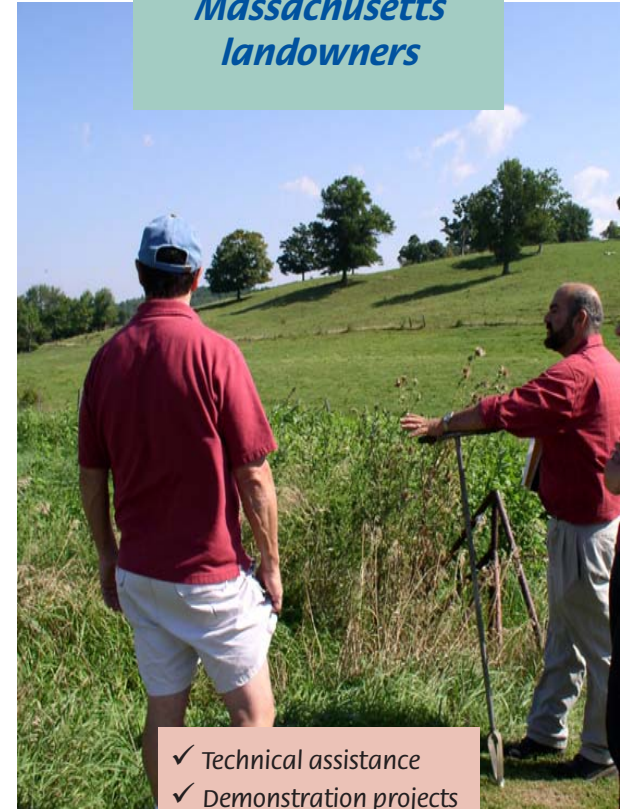
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- ✓ Technical assistance
- ✓ Demonstration projects
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Farm planning


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